

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To enable image data to be transmitted and received in an efficient manner by making effective use of relatively narrow 5 band communications circuits in image data reception devices, an image data management device transmits image data stored in the auxiliary storage section to a plurality of printing control devices connected thereto via the Internet. In this image management device, when transmitting image data, a transmission instruction registering section registers a transmission instruction including a transmission destination, transmission instruction timing, transmission priority, etc., is registered in the transmission instruction table, and a transmission image data setting section sets a transmission order for the image data for each transmission destination, on the basis of the timing at which transmission was instructed, and the transmission priority, and a plurality of image data corresponding to a plurality of transmission destinations are transmitted in parallel according to the set transmission order for each transmission destination.